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SUBJECT: NINTH SESSION, UNIDO PERMANENT COMMITTEE; AGENDA ITEM 6,
PREPARATIONS FOR THIRD GENERAL CONFERENCE OF UNIDO (IGC-III)

1. THIS MESSAGE OFFERS MISSION COMMENTS ON SUBJECT AGENDA
ITEM FOR USE IN PREPARATION OF U.S.POSITION PAPER.
2. SECRETARIAT HAS ISSUED DOCUMENT ID/B/C.3/54 AS NOTE
TO PERMANENT COMMITTEE, GIVING DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA AS
DISCUSSED AT ELEVENTH SESSION OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
BOARD (IDB-XI) AND THE SECRETARIAT'S PROPOSALS FOR DOCUMENTA-
TION FOR THE CONVERENCE, AS REQUESTED BY IDB-XI. THE NOTE
ALSO OUTLINES THE SECRETARIAT'S PLANS FOR REGIONAL PREP-
ARATORY MEETINGS IN SUPPORT OF IGC-III.
3. COMMENT PARA 8 OF SECRETARIAT PAPER PROPOSES THAT
DOCUMENTATION FOR AGENDA ITEM 7(A) INCLUDE "ISSUE PAPERS"
ON INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY AND ON "THE SYSTEM OF CONSULTATIONS
AND NEGOTIATIONS". THIS PRESENTS TWO PROBLEMS:

(1) THE TERM "ISSUE PAPERS" HS TO OUR KNOWLEDGE NOT
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BEEN USED UP TO NOW FOR UNIDO MEETINGS EXCEPT IN CONNEC-
TION WITH EXPERIMENTAL SYSTEM OF CONSULTATIONS. ITS MEAN-
ING IN PRESENT CONTEXT IS NOT CLEAR. ISSUE PAPERS IN
THE SENSE OF OPTION PAPERS WHICH SET OUT VARIOUS POSSIBLE
COURSES OF ACTION WOULD PROBABLY BE AN ACCEPTABLE APPROACH
TO SUBSTANCE OF THIS AGENDA ITEM BUT ISSUE PAPERS FOCUSSING
ON CONFLICTING POLICY POSITIONS OF MEMBER GOVERNMENTS WOULD

SEEM TO BE UNACCEPTABLY POLEMIC APPROACH.

(2) THE PHRASE "SYSTEM OF CONSULTATIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS" COULD BE READ TO MEAN THAT HERE IS A "SYSTEM" FOR BOTH ACTIVITIES. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, USG HAS COOPERATED IN SETTING UP "EXPERIMENTAL SYSTEM OF CONSULTATIONS" IN UNIDO FRAMEWORK BUT AHS INSISTED THAT UNIDO NOT INVOLVE ITSELF IN NEGOTIATIONS EXCEPT, AS SPECIFIED IN LIMA DECLARATION, "AT

THE REQUEST OF THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED".

4. PARA 8 ALSO USES TERM "ISSUE PAPERS" IN RESPECT OF AGENDA ITEM 7(B), PRESENTING SAME PROBLEM AS OUTLINED PARA 3(1) ABOVE.

5. MISSION ALSO NOTES THATN WHILE DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA (PARA 4) CARRIES ITEM 7(C), REVIEW OF LANG-RANGE STRATEGY FOR UNIFO, AS PROPOSED BY US DEL TO IDB-XI, PROPOSED DOCUMENTATION OUTLINED PARA 8 MAKES NO REFERENCE TO THIS ITEM.

6. MISSION SUGGESTS THAT AT PC, U.S.DEL BE AUTHORIZED TO QUESTION AMBIGUITIES AND OMISSION DISCUSSED IN PARAS 3-5 ABOVE, URGE OBJECTIVE, NON-PLOEMIC APPROACH IN DOCUMENTATION AND

AS APPROPRIATE, COMMENT ON UNIDO'S ROLE IN NEGOTIATIONS ON BASIS STANDARD USG POSITION.

7. FINALLY, PARA 13 SECRETAIAT PAPER REPORTS THAT
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UNIDO HAS PREPARED INFORMATION PAPERS FOR SEVERAL UPCOMING REGIONAL PREPARATORY MEETINGS AND THAT THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE WILL BE INFORMED OF THE "DECISIONS" OF THOSE MEETINGS. U.S. DEL MIGHT REQUEST THAT THOSE INFORMATION PAPERS BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE AS A MATTER OF GENERAL INTEREST, AND NOTE THAT THE "DECISIONS" OF THOSE REGIONAL BODIES ARENOT DECISIONS IN THE UNIDO CONTEXT; THAT AUTHORITY BEING RESERVED TO THE IDB. END COMMENT. LEARY

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